

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE LAMINATION OF BAND-SHAPED
UNCURED RUBBER MATERIALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

Claim 5, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-4" to --claim 1--.

Please add claims 13-15 as follows:

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--13. The method according to claim 2, wherein the rubber material extruded through the extruder as a band-shaped rubber member is helically wound on the rotating support along a rotating axial direction of the support so as to overlap at least widthwise edge portions of the wound rubber members with each other.--

--14. The method according to claim 3, wherein the rubber material extruded through the extruder as a band-shaped rubber member is helically wound on the rotating